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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon Pat Miller Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.

Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Docket No. 04-00387

#### Dear Chairman Miller:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated January 14, 2003. The Amendment amends Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement relating to adoption.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

~G₩M. Hicks

ce: James Moffat, III, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. Clifton W. Heard, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

In re:

Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket 1	No.
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## PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND COMMUNIGROUP OF JACKSON, INC. PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. ("CommuniGroup") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated January 14, 2003 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, CommuniGroup and BellSouth state the following:

- 1. CommuniGroup and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to CommuniGroup. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on November 10, 2003
- 2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which amends Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement concerning adoption. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- 3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CommuniGroup and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.
- 4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and CommuniGroup within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.
- 5. CommuniGroup and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.
- 6. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

CommuniGroup and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 311 day of ..., 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By:<u> </u>\_\_\_

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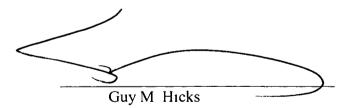
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 3 day of day of 2004:

James Moffat III CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. 700 South West Street Jackson, MS 39201

Clifton W. Heard Director of CLEC Operations 700 South West Street Jackson, MS 39201



# Amendment to the Agreement Between CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Dated 1/14/2003

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. (CommuniGroup), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated 1/14/2003 ("Agreement") to be effective after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment ("Effective Date")

WHEREAS, BellSouth and CommuniGroup entered into the Agreement on 1/14/2003, and,

WHEREAS, BellSouth and CommuniGroup are amending the Adoption of Agreements provision of the Agreement pursuant to the FCC's Second Report and Order, WC Docket No 01-338, issued on July 13, 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1 The Parties agree to delete Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions and replace it with the following:
  - 13 Pursuant to 47 USC § 252(1) and 47 C F R. § 51 809, BellSouth shall make available to CommuniGroup any entire interconnection agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC § 252. The adopted agreement shall apply to the same states as the agreement that was adopted, and the term of the adopted agreement shall expire on the same date as set forth in the agreement that was adopted
- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement dated 1/14/2003 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- 3 Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

### CommuniGroup Pick and Choose Amendment Signature Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.

Name:

Title

Executive Vice-President

Date